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APPLICANTS: Scott Costa et al. ART UNIT: 3676 §

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Threaded Connections For

Protective Sleeve For

Expandable Liner Hanger **CONF. NO.:** 6148

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

Mail Stop Amendment December 29, 2008 Commissioner for Patents Customer No. 78091 P. O. Box 1450 Atty. Docket No. 2725-09305 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

FOR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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